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25 December MERRY CHRISTMAS

1 December New Years Day

NETS

"Let's get a little action going"

MDARC GENERAL NET

Thursdays 7:30 P.M. 147.66/06

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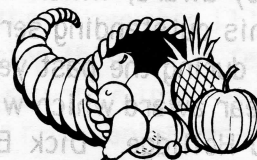
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The Rocky Ridge Repeater Group of the MDARC meets every two months to welcome new members and refresh ideas with old members.

MEETING NOTICE

The meeting for December was of course the annual Christmas Party. There is a short note on that in the paper. I do hope everyone has a very merry Christmas and a very prosperous New Year. (asst. Ed.)



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NEXT BOARD MEETING AT: Scott Miles House 8 P.M. BM December 18, 1985

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MDARC General Meeting

MDARC CHRISTMAS PARTY

The 1985 Christmas party was held on Sunday, December 8, 1985 at the Concord Elk's Club. Approximately 55 members, guests and children attended the party. Entertainment was provided by Mak King who presented his magic act.

Dinner was a generous amount of barbeque beef, vegetables, pasta, hot roll, butter, and carrot cake for dessert. Santa arrived to pass out gifts to the children who attended.

After some remarks by our outgoing President, awards were presented to the "lucky" recipients. Gag awards went to Don Peattie, Son Smith, Mike Scott and Parky. Two Superior service awards were presented. The recipients, both of whom were not able to attend, were Florence Lortsher for her distinguished work on the CARRIER, and Bob Dahl for his unselfish work on the repeaters.

The two major awards of the night were the Kilroy Key award, which went to Joe Gregory for his outstanding service to the communities during the past year, and the Ham of the Year award which was awarded to Betty Lou Hollidge. Dick Brown, who presented the award to Betty Lou cited her outstanding contribution to the NTS and to the community.

New officers were then introduced by Chuck Welch and installed. Rick was presented with a plaque commemorating his year as President of the Club. Harry then drew tickets for the prizes which were generously donated by Ham Radio Outlet and The Base Station. The "biggie", a two meter mobile transceiver, was won by Marilyn Schaeffer.

MDARC Board Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Club President Rick Barber. Members were asked to sign a get well card for Parky who was recuperating from a heart attack. (There was one objection) Guests were introduced.

OLD BUSINESS: Information pertaining to the Christmas party was given to the group. An advisory motion to the Board of Directors indicated unanimously that the group did not want to restrict the chance of winning prizes at the party to MDARC members.

ANNUAL DUES information was given to the group. Renewal forms will be sent in a forthcoming CARRIER.

OFFICERS AND CHAIRPERSON reports followed. Mary indicated the Club treasury had \$266.34 in checking and \$100 in savings. Hank talked about the volcano eruption in Columbia and about the upcoming County SET.

NEW BUSINESS: RRRG Steering Committee meeting on 11/23/85 at the Buttercup. The Group meeting on 11/25 will be an election meeting for officers for the coming year. Members were encouraged to attend.

AWARDS for presentation at the Christmas party have been finalized and are being prepared.

Following a brief intermission. Guy Corynen gave a very interesting presentation regarding the Strategic Defense Initiative (aka "Star Wars").

His presentation generated many interesting comments and questions from the membership.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.



The President's Corner....

1985 is finally over and the new year is upon us. I am reflecting over the accomplishments of the year. Club membership is up as is interest in the Club and repeater group. The machines made it through the year without serious impact on service to the community. Positive changes are planned and will come to fruition soon.

There are many people to thank for their assistance during the year. As the months progressed I learned just how much this organization depends on the contributions of the individual members. The officers of the Club - Scott, Dee, Mary Guy, Hank, Bob and Jay - and the committee people - Doug Smith, Jim House, Harry Styron, Bill Van Voorhis, Ron Miller, and Vicki Zumwalt.

I also want to thank the excellent quest speakers who took the time to speak to our group this year. Their interesting topics generated new enthusiasm for many of us. The VIP program got many new members thanks to the fine talk by Jean Rodgers and the more recent surge in PACKET radio users can only be attributed to the talk by the "Packeteer" group.

As a final reminder as your President, I would like to ask you to reaffirm your commitment to community service. Ours is not a "hobby" and the Amateur Radio Service was not created for that purpose. It was created for the primary purpose of providing a service to the community during time of need. The two recent devastating events in Mexico and Columbia should serve to remind each and every one of us that it really can hit here. We may be the next ones to need help. Will you be ready to do your part?

My final column will end with my best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year to each and every one of you. My special thanks to the one person who has helped and supported me throughout this year. My friend and my bride. Dee.
73 de Rick

ARRL MEMBERSHIPS

Don't forget to renew your ARRL membership through the Club. Send us the card and money. We forward to the ARRL and get to keep \$2.00.

GOODBYE PHONE PATCH?

The cellular telephone industry is sponsoring one of the most disasterous pieces of legislation ever for amateur radio and our communities. House Bill 3378 and Senate Bill 1667, "The Electronics Communications Privacy Act of 1985", have been introduced in Congress with the intention of eliminating the use of both phone patch and autopatch by the Amateur Radio Community. This information was first reported on Westlink on their November 11 broadcast.

You can stop this! It is felt by hams close to the situation that several million letters to our representatives can keep the well financed cellular telephone lobby from winning. Write your letter today. Stay with the facts and try to keep the emotion out of your comments. Listed below are the addresses of your Senators and your Representative in the House if you live in central Contra Costa.

Senator Alan Cranston or Senator Pete Wilson

Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510

Representative George Miller, 2136 Rayburn Bldg., Washington D.C. 20515

Dick KT6X

ROCKY RIDGE REPEATER GROUP

Minutes of November 25, 1985

Meeting called to order at 8:07 by Bob Dahl. Les Gear (KB6FGS) was voted into membership. Treasurer's report indicated that we had \$1650 on hand. \$112 in outstanding bills for the rest of the year, and an estimated \$75 insurance payment to MDARC.

Bob explained that he wanted to keep \$500 set aside to run the group for the first three months of the new year. No change was set in the dues structure. They remain at \$25 a year for an individual membership and \$5 a year additional for family members within the same household. The \$10 initiation fee remains in effect. Annual dues will be pro-rated by 50% after July 1 of the year for new members.

A technical report was given by Rick (WB6EZI) and a complete status report of both repeaters and equipment was itemized for the group. Upcoming changes and modifications were presented.

Based on the technical report. Bob put forth a motion for certain technical improvements to the system. The motion passed unanimously. Details will not be put forth in these minutes but members may contact Rick or Bob for details. If desired.

Officers for the coming year were voted upon. They are:

Chairman - Bob Dahl

Secretary - Carolyn Dahl

Treasurer - Norma Davis

Tech. Chairman - Rick Barber

Members at Large - Mike Scott and Don Smith

Dick Brown (KT6X) told the group that the NCN was occasionally using the two meter machine as a backup box for their traffic. John, the NCN director for this area wanted to pass his thanks to the group for the occasional use of the machine. Dick then mentioned that two congressional

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bills relating to amateur autopatches were pending. They are HB 3378 and SB 1667. He stated that these two bills, which were initiated by the cellular business radio organizations, are designed to make amateur radio autopatches illegal. He recommends that each one of us write our congressmen to oppose these two bills. Don Smith noted that, with the approval of the Steering Committee, the ATV net will probably move to the '06 machine soon. Their net will be on Wednesday nights at 8:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Renewing

All renewals and change of addresses go to the Membership Chairman and NOT the Editor!

RACES/ARES

Last month in this column it was reported that the monthly Emergency Co-Ordinator's meeting schedule had been changed to the first Monday of each month at the State Office of Emergency Services in Pleasant Hill. I have just learned that we have restored the old schedule so..... Beginning this month we will be once again meeting the first WEDNESDAY each month at the Contra Costa OES in the new location (temporary) on Arnold Drive at Molello Ave.

The November 22 Simulated Emergency Test held by C.C. Co. Emergency Services did not require our participation as the exercise was a "table top" discussion among the various department heads covering an emergency situation. However W6LKE, Dwayne Eskridge, our ARRL SEC, was present and when the absence of communications at the new location was noted, he was able to emphasize the need for Amateur Radio assistance. The result was to have our equipment re-located and a 2 meter antenna installed the very next day!

We now have an operating capability at the Arnold Drive location. Following our December EC meeting to be held there, it is intended to use the County OES as a base for our weekly Emergency Net on each Thursday.

The past month has been undisturbed by any serious emergencies in Contra Costa County. (thank the Lord) Looking back through the year 1985, it is my feeling that we have definitely improved our communications abilities. We have tested LF, VHF, simplex, duplex, even Packet communications at many of our sites covering police, fire, Red Cross and hospitals in all areas of our county. We can all be proud of the special accomplishment by WA6DQN, Joe Gregory. Through his leadership we now have a new site at the Lafayette Police Station with WA6BZR, KB6CEB, KB6CEC, W6LZI, K6REQ and Joe as active operators in an emergency situation, such as our October SET.

At our last EC meeting, the need for another RACES Seminar was mentioned. Keep tuned in for details. You wouldn't want to miss it! HANK W6ZHY

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A LETTER TO THE MEMBERS OF MDARC

I was very surprised when our 1985 President Rick Barber came over to bring me the minutes and papers to be typed and put in the CARRIER. He pulled out of his bag of magic tricks the plaque with my name on it. I was without words. I wish to thank each and every one of you and to let you you know that it now has a place of honor on the wall in Doug's Ham shack right along with his Ham of the Year and Special Award. Thank you all for supporting him and his family. I have insisted that David share in my joy of the award because without him and Doug Smith our Editor I could not do my job nearly so easily or well. Congratulations to all the winners this year and I am so pleased that we finally passed the barrier with Betty Lou as Ham of the Year. Maybe one of these years Doug's wish will come true and one of our hardest of all workers will make it, ok Dee?

FOUND

Joe Simpson KA6EBF found a pair of glasses in a case in the parking lot of the Elks Club the night of the Christmas Party. If you have lost same, contact him at 837-9679 or at the next Club meeting.

PARKY NET

Thirteen members of the Parky Net got together December 3 at 9:00 a.m. at CoCo's in Pleasant Hill for breakfast to honor Bill and Ann Jackson W6HDP and his XYL up here from Phonix, Arizona. Those at the breakfast were: Parky, K6IMV; Helen, WB6YWC; Don, N6EEQ; Bob, W6GZC and XYL Fran; Joe, KA6EBF; Tom, KD6VA; Val, KD6KV and XYL Verna; Bill, N6FER; and Charlie, K6IGJ. (Ed. note: Thanks Helen)